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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

LOU CANNON REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND CHINESE LEADERS, AT THE END OF FOUR DAYS OF TALKS TODAY, WERE SO FAR APART ON THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN ANNOUNCED LATE LAST NIGHT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAD DECIDED AGAINST TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A COMMUNIQUE AT A MEETING PRECEDING THE THIRD ROUND OF TALKS YESTERDAY. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN ON THIS AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE, BUT WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR THAT CHINESE OPPOSITION TO U.S. INSISTENCE ON SEEKING PEACEFUL ACCOMMODATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS WAS THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE. (A-1)

MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT EGYPT YESTERDAY CALLED TUESDAY'S ISRAELI AIR RAIDS INTO LEBANON "A VIOLATION OF...THE SPIRIT" OF THE SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND A DIRECT ATTACK AGAINST EGYPT AND THE ENTIRE ARAB NATION. EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMI CALLED YESTERDAY FOR AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. (A-1)

LAURENCE STERN WRITES THAT TESTIMONY THAT AMERICAN PRESIDENTS GOING BACK TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT MISUSED THE FBI FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES HAS PRESENTED

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YESTERDAY BY THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. THROUGH THE YEARS, THE NEW DOCUMENTATION SHOWEDC THE TARGETS HAVE BEEN JOURNALISTS, DISSENTING POLITICIANS, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO PREVAILING NATIONAL POLICY. (A-1)

BOB OBERDORFER WRITES THAT THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS TOLD A HOUSE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS A U.S. INTELLIGENCE SUCCESS, NOT THE FAILURE THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN CHARGED. WILLIAM COLBY, LAME-DUCK DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, SAID "CLEAR WARNINGS" OF A FORTHCOMING COMMUNIST ATTACK AROUND THE TIME OF THE JANUARY 30 LUNAR NEW YEAR HAD CAUSED ALERTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH AIDED MILITARY COMMANDERS AND MINIMIZED THE LOSSES OF LIVES AND RESOURCES. (A-27)

JAMES L. ROWE JR. REPORTS THAT ASSISTANT TREASURY SECRETARY GERALD PARSKY SAID YESTERDAY THAT PRICE INCREASES BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES ARE WORKING OUT TO BE MUCH LOWER THAN THE TEN PERCENT RISE ANNOUNCED LAST SEPTEMBER. PARSKY, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY THAT THE INCREASES ARE AVERAGING BETWEEN SEVEN PERCENT AND EIGHT PERCENT "WITH THE HIGH PROBABILITY THAT IT WILL BE CLOSER TO SEVEN THAN EIGHT PERCENT." (A-27)

WALTER PINCUS WRITES THAT THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY TURNED DOWN AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD HAVE CUT OFF MILITARY AID OR MILITARY SALES PROGRAMS TO ANY COUNTRY THAT DISCRIMINATED BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION OR SEX AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS. (A-3)

MURREY MARDER REPORTS THAT FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. MUST PURSUE DETENTE "WITHOUT ILLUSION" THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH THE WEST. "TO THE CONTRARY," SCHLESINGER TOLD THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SOVIET LEADERS "...HAVE INDICATED THAT DETENTE IS ITSELF A REFLECTION OF THEIR GROWING MILITARY POWER, WHICH IN THEIR INTERPRETATION HAS FORCED CONCESSIONS FROM THE WEST." (A-8)

MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. HAS "NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS" OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT BY THE SOVIET UNION. RESPONDING TO CHARGES BY RETIRED ADM. ELMO ZUMWALT, FORMER CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, JOHN TRATTNER, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR KISSINGER, LABELLED PREPOSTEROUS THE SUGGESTION THAT INFORMATION ON

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OPERATIONS HAD BEEN WITHHELD FROM PRESIDENT FORD BY KISSINGER. (A-8)

JOHN SAAR REPORTS THAT JAKARTA APPEARS UNEXCITED ABOUT FORD'S VISIT. THE LACK OF FANFARE OR ANY VISIBLE PREPARATION FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S DECEMBER 5 VISIT TO THE INDONESIAN CAPITAL HAS PROMPTED TWINGES OF ANXIETY AMONG SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS, THOUGH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS SAY MR. FORD MAY EXPECT A WARM WELCOME ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM PEKING, THE VISIT IS RECEIVING HOKEY TREATMENT. (A-13)

LOUIS M. SIMONS REPORTS THAT INDIAN ARMY FORCES SUPPORTING SECESSIONIST BENGALI GUERRILLAS HAVE EASED THEIR ATTACK ON THREE NORTHERN BANGLADESH BORDER OUTPOSTS. (A-14)

HOBART ROWEN WRITES THAT THERE IS MUCH MORE THAN FIRST MET THE EYE IN THE FRENCH-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE RAMBOUILLET SUMMIT SESSION IN FRANCE A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT -- ONE THAT WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT HAS BEEN WORKING FOR BEHIND THE SCENES -- IS AN INTANGIBLE ONE! INSTEAD OF SNIPING AT EACH OTHER, THE U.S. AND FRANCE SEEM TO HAVE FOUND A GREATER REWARD IN COOPERATING AND COMMUNICATING. (A-19)

ROD MACLEISH WRITES THAT DOUBTLESS THERE ARE PROFOUNDLY-WROUGHT DIPLOMATIC AND REALPOLITICK MOTIVES FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. BUT THERE IS ALSO A DOMESTIC POLITICAL MOTIVE. MR. FORD IS TRYING TO POSTULATE HIMSELF AS THE ONLY WHITE MAN THE APACHES WILL TALK TO. YOU REMEMBER THAT FIGURE FROM OUR FRONTIER FOLKLORE! HE IS THE MAN IN SHABBY BUCKSKINS WHOSE EYES BURN WITH SOME PRIMORDAL UNDERSTANDING. HE COMES BACK TO THE FORT AT DUSK TO TELL THE UPTIGHT WHITE COMMANDER WHAT GERONIMO REALLY THINKS. HE IS STRONG, SOLITARY AND WISE. THAT IS WHAT MR. FORD IS TRYING TO BE IN THE MUDDLED CONTEMPORARY SETTING OF DETENTE, INTERDEPENDENCE AND GREAT POWER BACKGAMMON. THE PRACTITIONERS OF AMERICAN POLITICS HAVE BECOME POSSESSED OF THE NOTION THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT IN PEKING IN ORDER TO MAKE IT IN DES MOINES. YOU GET TO BE THE ONLY MAN THE APACHES WILL TALK TO BY FIRST HAVING SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH GERONIMO. IN GOING TO PEKING THIS TIME, MR. FORD HAD LITTLE OF REAL SUBSTANCE TO DISCUSS. BY THAT LIGHT HIS TRIP SUGGESTS A CERTAIN FRIVOLITY WHERE WE CAN LEAST AFFORD IT. (A-19)

FORMER SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S CHALLENGE TO CRITICS OF HIS POLICIES AND SENATOR KENNEDY'S RESPONSE WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

CHRISTOPHER S. WREN REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET HARVEST APPEARS TO HAVE YIELDED AS LITTLE AS 137.2 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN, ABOUT A THIRD LESS THAN PLANNED. (1)

HENRY GINIGER WRITES THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE DUTCH LABOR PARTY ENDED A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO SPAIN WITH A WARNING THAT THE NETHERLANDS WILL OPPOSE SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY UNTIL DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS ARE FULLY ESTABLISHED IN MADRID. (2)

SABRINE HOWE REPORTS THAT PORTUGAL'S RULING HIGH COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION MET FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LAST WEEK'S ABORTED LEFT-WING COUP, WHILE THE CRACKDOWN ON LEFTISTS CONTINUED. (3)

RICHARD HALLORAN REPORTS THAT JAPAN'S GOVERNMENT WORKERS' UNIONS CAPITULATED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM STANCE YESTERDAY AND CALLED OFF AN ILLEGAL STRIKE THAT HAD LASTED EIGHT DAYS AND BROUGHT THE NATION TO THE BRINK OF A POLITICAL CRISIS. (5)

HENRY TANNER REPORTS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EIGHT YEARS, AN EGYPTIAN TANKER WAS LOADED IN ABU RUDEIS YESTERDAY. AHMED ZAKI, THE EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM MINISTER, ANNOUNCED THAT "THE FIRST REFINED OIL PRODUCTS FROM THE SINAI WILL BE ON THE MARKET IN CAIRO IN A FEW DAYS." (7)

FOX BUTTERFIELD NOTES THAT THE ABOLITION OF THE SIX-CENTURY OLD LAOTIAN MONARCHY AND OF THE COUNTRY'S COALITION GOVERNMENT REPRESENT THE CULMINATION OF A TREND THAT BEGAN LAST MAY WHEN COMMUNIST-LED PATHET LAO FORCES MOVED INTO VIENTIANE, THE CAPITAL, VIRTUALLY WITHOUT OPPOSITION AND BEGAN INSTALLING THEIR OWN OFFICIALS. (11)

JUAN DE ONIS WRITES THAT MANY OF THE GRACIOUS AND RELAXING AMENITIES THAT ARGENTINES ESTEEM IN LIFE ARE BEING BLIGHTED BY THE PREVAILING STATE IN BUENOS AIRES OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE, ACUTE INFLATION AND SOCIAL DISCORD. (14)

AUDREY TOPPING WRITES THAT CHINA IS PUSHING A DRIVE TO MECHANIZE FARMS. (22)

JOHN W. FINNEY WRITES THAT PENTAGON OFFICIALS ARE WORKING ON A MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR BRITISH-AMERICAN AIRCRAFT DEAL IN WHICH THE U.S. WOULD BUY A BRITISH-DEVELOPED FIGHTER IN RETURN FOR A BRITISH PURCHASE OF SOME AMERICAN RADAR-SURVEILLANCE PLANES. (23)

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E TIMES EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT IF AIR BOMBARDMENT OF POP-
ULATION CENTERS IS ISRAEL'S ONLY ANSWER TO THE PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM, AND TERRORISM THE ONLY ANSWER OF ARABS, THEN
ARABS AND ISRAELIS -- AND OTHER PEOPLES ACROSS THE WORLD --
ARE IN EVEN GREATER DANGER OF UNENDING MIDDLE EAST WAR
THAN HERETOFORE IMAGINED. THE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE COURSE IS
TO ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING ISSUES THAT PERPETUATE AND INFLAME
THIS TRAGIC CONFLICT. AS A RECENT STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY
PAPER PUT IT: "WHAT IS NEEDED AS A FIRST STEP IS A DIP-
LOMATIC PROCESS WHICH WILL HELP BRING FORTH A REASONABLE
DEFINITION OF PALESTINIAN INTERESTS." IF THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT COULD BE PERSUADED TO SOFTEN ITS INITIAL HOS-
TILITY TO THIS IDEA AND PARTICIPATE IN NEXT MONTH'S
RESCHEDULED SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ALONG SIDE THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, A RESOLUTION MIGHT BE SHAPED TO
START SUCH A PROCESS. AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION FOR A
FRAMEWORK OF DISCUSSION IS CONTAINED IN THE FORTHCOMING
ISSUE OF FOREIGN POLICY QUARTERLY. GIDON SOTTLIEB, PRO-
FESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE AT NEW YORK
UNIVERSITY, FINDS USEFUL PARALLELS -- DESPITE OBVIOUS DIS-
SIMILARITIES -- IN THE EVIAN AGREEMENT OF 1962, BETWEEN
DE GAULLE'S FRANCE AND THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION
FRONT (FLN). "THE EVIAN AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE FLN
WOULD BE CONSIDERED A LEGAL POLTICAL BODY ONLY. IT DID NOT
RECOGNIZE THE FLN AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ALGERIAN PEOPLE. THE ISSUE OF RECOGNIZTION WAS SETTLED
BY BALLOT." THE EVIAN PRECEDENT THUS AVOIDS THE "MUTUAL
RECOGNITION" DEADLOCK WHICH HAS PRECLUDED OFFICIAL ISRAELI-
PLO CONTACT UP TO NOW. WHATEVER THE NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUE
EVOLVED, THE MOST URGENT TASK FOR MOVING THE PEOPLES OF
THE MIDDLE EAST TOWARD PEACE IS TO PERSUADE ISRAEL AND THE
PLO TO ENTER INTO MORE MEANINGFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE CONTACTS.
(48)

A TIMES-- EDITORIAL NOTES THAT THERE WAS LITTLE TALK OF PEACE
ON EARTH AT THE "PACEM IN TERRIS" CONVOCATION IN WASHINGTON.
INSTEAD THERE WAS DANIEL MOYNIHAN CHARGING THAT SOVIET AID
FOR THE MARXIST POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF
ANGOLA (MPLA) WAS PART OF A KREMLIN DRIVE TO "COLONIZE" ALL
OF AFRICA. THE ALLEGATION INEVITABLY BROUGHT ANGRY RETORTS
FROM AFRICAN UN DELEGATIONS; BUT THE DANGERS ARISING FROM
THE ANGOLAN COCKPIT OF A DEVASTATING HIDEN WAR IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, CARRYING THE MENACE OF GREAT-POWER CONFRONTATION,
ARE INDEED CLEAR AND PRESENT. PART OF THE DIPLOMACY MUST
BE MR. KISSINGER'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO IMPRESS ON MOSCOW
THE MENANCE TO DETENTE ARISING FROM THE SOVIET INTERVENTION.
ANOTHER PART OUGHT TO BE A RENEWED EFFORT BY THE OAU--
DESPITE NIGERIA'S ABERRATION -- TO PULL ITSELF TOGETHER AND

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TRY AGAIN TO GET THE FEUDING ANGOLANS TO COMPROMISE, PER-
HAPS IN SOME KIND OF FEDERATION. IF THE OAUSAGIN PROVES
HELPLESS, THE MATTER INEVITABLY WILL WIND UP AT THE UN.
FOR ANGOLA IS ALREADY A DEFINITE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY. (48)

WILLIAM SAFIRE COVERS FORMER PRESIDENTS' USE OF THE FBI AND
COMMENTS THAT, IF HE WISHED, CONGRESSMAN PIKE COULD HAVE EX-
POSED THE FIRST -- AND WORST -- WHITE HOUSE ABUSE OF THE IN-
TERNAL REVENUE SERVICE BY PUBLICLY EXAMINING KENNEDY HATCHET-
MAN CARMINE BELLINO, WHO APPEARED AT THE IRS ONLY SIX DAYS
AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S INAUGURATION WITH A LIST OF ENEMIES
TO INVESTIGATE. MR. PIKE IS PURSUING NONE OF THE ABOVE. IN-
STEAD, HE SEEKS THE APPROBATION OF DEMOCRATS BY LEADING THE
CHARGE TO CITE HENRY KISSINGER FOR CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS.
SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES NOT FREQUENTLY FIND A DEFENDER IN
THIS SPACE, AND HE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRE-
DICAMENT BY FOOLISHLY WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ON SALT VIOLA-
TIONS TO WHICH THE CONGRESS WAS CLEARLY ENTITLED. BUT THE
ATTEMPT TO USE THE CONTEMPT POWER OF CONGRESS TO FORCE ANY
INDIVIDUAL IN THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISOBEY A PRESIDENTIAL
ORDER IS A BASIC VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SEPARA-
TION OF POWERS. THE DECLINE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHICH
WILL ACCELERATE IF RICHARD HELMS BECOMES A GRAND JURY TAR-
GET, IS NOT SPED BY MR. PIKE'S OVERKILL. HIS CONTEMPT THREAT
WAS IDLE; THE THREAT OF A SLOWDOWN BY USING IT TO AGGRANDIZE
HIMSELF IN HEADLINES, MR. PIKE JOINS THAT LITTLE GROUP OF
WILLFUL MEN WHO ONLY MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT HELPLESS AND CONTEMPT-
IBLE. (A-1)

THE BALTIMORE SUN
MATTHEW SEDEN WRITES THAT A BLANKET OF SECRECY CONTINUES
TO SURROUND THE BILATERAL TALKS IN PEKING. (A-1)

HENRY TRENHITT WRITES THAT THE U.S., TRYING TO KEEP NEGO-
TIATING LINES OPEN, REACTED SOFTLY YESTERDAY TO ISRAEL'S
LATEST AIR ATTACKS ON LEBANON DESPITE RISING TENSIONS IN
THE AREA AND PROTESTS ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, PRIVATELY, U.S.
OFFICIALS WERE MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE ISRAELI RAIDS. ONE
U.S. SPECIALIST WAS CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE DELAYED
PUBLIC REACTION TO WHAT HE CALLED ISRAEL'S "JACKHAMMER"
TACTICS. ANOTHER OFFICIAL RECALLED PUBLIC REPUDIATION OF
U.S. BOMBING THAT CAUSED CIVILIAN DEATHS IN VIETNAM, EVEN
WHEN IT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST ENEMY CENTERS. (A-1)

ARNOLD ISAACS COVERS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNIST REGIME
IN LAOS. (A-1)

MURIEL DOBBIN WRITES THAT THERE HAS BEEN ALMOST HALF A

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CENTURY OF POLITICAL ABUSE OF FBI POWERS, INVOLVING RE-
PEATED PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS TO SPY ON ADMINISTRATION CRITICS
AND INVARIABLE FBI COMPLIANCE, ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVI-
TIES YESTERDAY. (A-1)

EDWARD NU WRITES THAT CHINA HAS SCORED A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH
IN SPACE AND MISSILE TECHNOLOGY BY SUCCESSFULLY BRINGING
BACK TO EARTH FOR THE FIRST TIME AN ARTIFICIAL EARTH SAT-
ELLITE. (A-4)

ICELAND'S PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON SAID YESTERDAY
THERE WAS NO HOPE OF RESOLVING THE FISHERIES DISPUTE WITH
BRITAIN UNLESS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT RADICALLY CHANGED
ITS POLICY ON PRESERVING FISH STOCKS ON THE ICELANDIC BANKS,
ACCORDING TO A REUTERS REPORT. (A-6)

AP REPORTS THAT ANGRY REACTION FROM SPAIN'S ENTRENCHED
RIGHT HAS FORCED KING JUAN CARLOS I TO RECONSIDER HIS LIB-
ERALIZATION PLANS AND TO ASK CONSERVATIVE PREMIER CARLOS
ARIAS NAVARRO TO STAY ON FOR THREE MORE YEARS. (A-8)

ACCORDING TO A NEW YORK TIMES REPORT, THE ADMINISTRATION IS
PREPARING TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY THE REMOVAL OF THE $2-A-BAR-
REL TARIFF ON IMPORTED CRUDE OIL THAT PRESIDENT FORD IM-
POSED EARLIER THIS YEAR. (A-10)

AN EDITORIAL STATES THAT MR. RABIN WILL HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE
MORE CLEARLY THAT ISRAEL IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLE-
MENT THAT WILL DO JUSTICE TO THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE ALTERNATIVE IS ONLY MORE DANGER
AND MORE DEATH. (A-24)

ARNOLD ABRAMS COVERS THE PLIGHT OF THE MEO REFUGEES IN
THAILAND. (A-24)

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